

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOSEPH PITTS,

Plaintiff,

v.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES, CO.,

Defendant.

Case No. [24-cv-06936-TSH](#)

**ORDER SETTING INITIAL CASE  
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE  
AND ADR DEADLINES**

This action is assigned to the Honorable Thomas S. Hixson.

**Service of documents.** When serving the complaint or notice of removal, the plaintiff or removing defendant must serve on all other parties a copy of this order and the supplementary material specified in [Civil Local Rule 4-2](#).

**Application of Special Discovery Protocols.** This case may be governed by Initial Discovery Protocols for Employment Cases Alleging Adverse Action described in [General Order 71](#). Counsel and clients are directed to review General Order 71 to determine whether it applies to this case, and to comply with that General Order if applicable. If General Order 71 applies, it supersedes certain obligations set out in the schedule below.

**Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction.** This case has been randomly assigned to a magistrate judge, who, with written consent of all parties, may conduct all proceedings in a case, including all pretrial and trial proceedings, entry of judgment and post-trial motions, with appeal directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. See “[Consenting to the Jurisdiction of a Magistrate Judge](#)” on the Court’s webpage at [www.cand.uscourts.gov](http://www.cand.uscourts.gov) for more information.

Plaintiff or the removing party must complete and file the attached form “Consent or Declination to Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction” within 14 days of case initiation, and all other parties must do so within 14 days of appearing in the case, or as otherwise ordered by the Clerk or magistrate judge.

**Availability of Alternative Dispute Resolution.** This action is assigned to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Multi-Option Program governed by [ADR Local Rule 3](#). Counsel and clients shall familiarize themselves with that rule and with the material entitled “Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California” on the Court’s ADR webpage at [www.cand.uscourts.gov/adr](http://www.cand.uscourts.gov/adr).

**Important case management dates.** Counsel must comply with the dates listed below unless the judge otherwise orders or unless General Order 71 directs earlier deadlines.

Case Management Event	Deadline
File Certification of Conflicts and Interested Entities or Persons. (See <a href="#">Civil L.R. 3-15</a> )	Upon first appearance (and supplement as necessary)
Deadline to file ADR Certification. (See <a href="#">ADR L.R. 3</a> )	12/19/2024
Deadline to meet and confer re: initial disclosures, early settlement, ADR process selection, and discovery plan. (See <a href="#">F.R. Civ. P. 26(f)</a> )	12/19/2024
Deadline to make initial disclosures. (See <a href="#">F.R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)</a> ) (An earlier deadline for disclosures may be required by <a href="#">General Order 71</a> .)	1/2/2025
Deadline to file Joint Case Management Statement. (See <a href="#">Standing Order for All Judges of the Northern District of California</a> )	1/2/2025
Initial Case Management Conference: <b>Courtroom E, 15th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA</b>	1/9/2025 at 10:00 AM

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**CONSENT OR DECLINATION  
TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
JURISDICTION**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please indicate below by checking **one** of the two boxes whether you (if you are the party) or the party you represent (if you are an attorney in the case) choose(s) to consent or decline to magistrate judge jurisdiction in this matter. Sign this form below your selection.

**CONSENT to Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction**

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), I voluntarily **consent** to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in this case, including trial and entry of final judgment. I understand that appeal from the judgment shall be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

**OR**

**DECLINE Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction**

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), I **decline** to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in this case and I hereby request that this case be reassigned to a United States district judge.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature or “/s/”*

COUNSEL FOR  
(OR “PRO SE”): \_\_\_\_\_